

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Title of Publication: tn_makar_m3[1].jpg

Other Known Title: Not Stated

Medium: Computer Image File

Director/Author: Not Applicable

Producer/Publisher: Not Stated

Country of Origin: Not Stated

Language: Not Applicable

Applicant: New Zealand Police

Distributor: Not Applicable

Classification: Objectionable.

Descriptive Note: Not Applicable

Display Conditions: Not Applicable

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Date of direction to issue a label: Not Applicable

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Excisions: Not Applicable

Reasons for excisions:

Not Applicable

Summary of reasons for classification:

The computer image file *tn_makar_m3[1].jpg* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The publication is objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.

The image on the computer image file depicts a naked boy in his early to mid-teenage years in a pose that is sexualised by a focus on his genitals. The image is intended for the sexual titillation and arousal of adult viewers. Such images encourage viewers to see young persons as sexually desirable and available for adult sexual gratification. The effect is to validate a sexual interest in young persons and encourage their sexual exploitation.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications that promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes are deemed to be objectionable. The classification is also a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.